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DECEMBER CROP COMMENTS – CALIFORNIA

The grape crop, which accounts for 88 percent of the 2014 United States utilized grape production, is down 12 percent from the previous year. The 2014 grape crop in California developed ahead of the previous year. Growers reported production was down for all three types of grapes. Hail during the bloom stage negatively impacted some vineyards. Drought conditions were also reported as a concern by many growers.

The California peach crop, accounting for 74 percent of the United States utilized peach production, is down 5 percent from 2013. In California, the Freestone peaches full bloom occurred approximately a week ahead of schedule and lasted longer than usual. Fruit set was variable. Growers reported the drought situation remained a concern, however many of them were able to offset reduced irrigation district water deliveries by utilizing wells to pump groundwater. Clingstone full bloom occurred in early-March, slightly earlier than last year. Growers completed spraying and pruning by the end of March.

In California, pear harvest began in the Sacramento-San Joaquin region the first week of July, similar to the prior year. Mostly fair weather occurred during harvest with quality reported as mostly fair to good. Sizing was reported to be good for early season pears.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014		
NUT CROPS	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	840,000	860,000	2,390	2,170	2,010	1,870	-7	April 23, 2015
Pecans	---	---	---	---	5,000	5,000	(NC)	July 17, 2015
Pistachio (In-Shell)	---	---	---	---	379,000	409,000	8	
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	91,000	105,000	15	
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	470,000	514,000	9	July 17, 2015
Total	203,000	215,000	2,320	2,390	470,000	514,000		
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	280,000	290,000	1.76	1.95	492	565	15	July 17, 2015
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	15,200	15,000	8.88	7.67	135	115	-15	July 17, 2015
Apricots	9,500	9,500	5.73	5.83	54.4	55.4	2	July 17, 2015
Cherries	33,000	33,000	2.48	1.21	82.0	40.0	-51	July 17, 2015
Grapes, Raisin	200,000	200,000	11.40	9.10	2,270	1,819	-20	July 17, 2015
Grapes, Table	110,000	110,000	11.20	10.00	1,227	1,100	-10	July 17, 2015
Grapes, Wine	570,000	570,000	7.45	6.84	4,245	3,900	-8	July 17, 2015
Grapes, All	880,000	880,000	8.80	7.75	7,742	6,819	-12	July 17, 2015
Table Olives	40,000	40,000	4.15	2.06	166.0	82.3	-50	July 17, 2015
Peaches, Clingstone 2/	22,000	20,000	16.70	16.60	368	332	-10	July 17, 2015
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	24,000	11.70	11.80	280	284	1	July 17, 2015
Pears, Bartlett	8,800	8,500	20.10	18.50	177	157	-11	July 17, 2015
Pears, Other	2,800	2,600	15.40	13.50	43.0	35.0	-19	July 17, 2015
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	50,000	48,000	1.70	1.98	85	95	12	July 17, 2015
BERRIES			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 3/	41,500	41,500	665	665	27,573	27,577	(Z)	January 29, 2015
CITRUS CROPS 4/	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	10,000	---	800	---	8,000	8,000	(NC)	April 9, 2015
Lemons	46,000	---	826	---	38,000	40,000	5	April 9, 2015
Oranges, Navel	133,000	---	586	---	78,000	80,000	3	April 9, 2015
Oranges, Valencia	36,000	---	611	---	22,000	20,000	-9	March 10, 2015
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 8/	45,000	---	644	---	29,000	31,000	7	April 9, 2015

(NC) No Change.

1/ Over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

2/ Includes fresh market and processing.

3/ All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

4/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

CALIFORNIA CITRUS

Mandarin oranges, grapefruits, finger limes, and lemons continued to be packed and shipped to foreign markets. Growers treated citrus groves for fungal diseases and Fuller Rose Beetle infestation to maintain export quality.

Oranges - The 2014 - 2015 California all orange forecast is 100 million cartons, (2.00 million tons), the same as last season's revised final utilization. The color in navel oranges was reported to be improving and exports were on the rise.

Lemons - The 2014 - 2015 California lemon forecast is 40.0 million cartons (800 thousand tons), unchanged

from last season. In California, lemon harvest was well underway with reported rain during December having a positive impact on the crop development.

Grapefruit - The 2014 - 2015 California grapefruit forecast is 8.00 million cartons (160 thousand tons), unchanged from last season's crop.

Tangerines - The 2014-15 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 31.0 million cartons (620 thousand tons), up 7 percent from last season. The Satsuma harvest is complete.

FLORIDA CITRUS

Across the citrus growing region, reported rainfall amounts were less than average for this time of the year. However, all citrus producing areas were void of abnormally dry or drought conditions throughout the month. After a cool front passed over the State during the second week, daily highs warmed to the mid 80s, bringing monthly temperatures closer to average.

Processing plants shut down for the Christmas holidays, but by the end of month were up and running at full capacity, taking both eliminations and field run fruit. Reported weekly harvesting amounts were low, due to the small size fruit and late maturity of early oranges. Early-mid orange varieties harvested for processing included both Hamlin and Pineapple oranges. Early variety fruit harvested for the fresh market included Navel oranges, Sunburst tangerines, white and colored grapefruit, and limited amounts of tangelos.

Grove activity included spraying, irrigation on several days during the month, and mowing in preparation for harvest. Citrus grower's field activities to combat greening continued and were causing some challenges as re-entry times after spraying were reported as ranging between forty-eight hours and ten days.

CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION FORECAST, BY STATE AND U.S.

Crop and State	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	1,000 Cartons		
ORANGES: 1/			
California, All	109,000	100,000	100,000
Navel & Misc.	85,000	78,000	80,000
Valencia	24,000	22,000	20,000
Florida	267,200	209,200	206,000
Texas	3,576	3,552	4,030
U.S. TOTAL	379,776	312,752	310,030
GRAPEFRUIT: 2/			
California, All	9,000	8,000	8,000
Florida	36,700	31,300	30,000
Texas	12,200	11,400	12,000
U.S. TOTAL	57,900	50,700	50,000
LEMONS: 3/			
California	42,000	38,000	40,000
Arizona	3,600	3,600	4,400
U.S. TOTAL	45,600	41,600	44,400
TANGERINES & MANDARINS: 4/			
California 5/	26,000	29,000	31,000
Florida	6,560	5,800	5,000
Arizona 5/	400	400	440
U.S. TOTAL	32,960	35,200	36,440

1/ ORANGES: California , 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.;

Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.

2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.;

Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.

3/ LEMONS: 1 carton = 40 lbs.

4/ TANGERINES: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.

Arizona, 1 carton = 40 lbs.

5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.